

Reissuance of the General Permit for the Discharge of Domestic Sewage

The Department of Environmental Protection's General Permit for the Discharge of Domestic Sewage, issued on June 11, 1992, is hereby reissued with the effective date noted below. The General Permit for the Discharge of Domestic Sewage will expire on June 11, 2012, unless otherwise modified in accordance with law.

| Issued Date: | June 12, 2002 | ARTHUR J. ROCQUE, JR. |
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| | | Commissioner |

Fee Increase Effective August 21, 2003

Please note: effective August 21, 2003, the fee associated with this general permit has increased; the registration fee is now \$500.00. For municipalities, the 50% discount continues to apply. Please note that the fee listed in the general permit itself does not reflect this increase. The general permit remains in effect for a period of time and the fee will be corrected in the general permit when it is reissued.

The appropriate fee must be submitted with the registration form. A registration shall not be deemed complete and no activity shall be authorized by this general permit unless the registration fee has been paid in full.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF

DOMESTIC SEWAGE

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GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF DOMESTIC SEWAGE

PART I. AUTHORITY

This general permit is issued under the authority of Section 22a-430b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 91-263.

PART II. DEFINITIONS

The definitions of terms used in this general permit shall be the same as the definitions contained in section 22a-423 of the Connecticut General Statutes and section 22a-430-3(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

"Community Sewerage System" means any sewerage system serving one or more residences in separate structures which is not connected to a municipal sewerage system or which is connected to a municipal sewerage system as a distinct and separately managed district or segment of such system.

"Community Sewerage System Agreement" means a written agreement between the municipality receiving the discharge, and the person or municipality named in the registration required by this permit, signed by both parties, clearly indicating who is responsible for all maintenance of the community sewerage system. and indicating that the municipality receiving the discharge is aware of its responsibility to ensure effective management of the system under Section 7-246f of the General Statutes.

"Registrant" means a person who or municipality which submits a complete registration in accordance with Part V of this general permit.

"Permittee" means any person who or municipality which initiates, creates originates or maintains a discharge to the waters of the state which is covered under this general permit.

"Site" means the same or geographically contiguous property which may be divided by public or private right(s)-of-way, provided the entrance and exit between the properties is at a cross-roads intersection, and access is by crossing as opposed to going along, the right(s)-of-way. Non-contiguous properties owned by the same person but connected by a right-of-way which the person controls and to which the public does not have access, is also considered the same site.

PART III. FEES

- A. For those discharges for which a registration is not required under Part V of this permit, no fee is required. For those discharges required to be registered, a fee of \$125.00 for any municipality and \$250.00 for any person, shall be paid with the registration required by Part V of this general permit. On and after January 1, 1993, registration and annual fees shall be paid in accordance with applicable regulations, including but not limited to Sections 22a-430-6 and 22a-430-7 of the Regulations Of Connecticut State Agencies.
- B. The fee shall be nonrefundable and shall be paid by certified or bank check payable to the Department of Environmental Protection. The check shall state on its face, "Water Management Permit Fee."

PART IV. COVERAGE UNDER THIS GENERAL PERMIT

- A. <u>Conditions</u> for <u>Eligibility</u>. This general permit covers only discharges comprised solely of domestic sewage, as defined above, provided that the following conditions are met prior to coverage under this permit.
 - 1. The discharge is not covered by a valid individual permit issued under section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 - 2. All discharges of domestic sewage are discharged to a publicly owned treatment works ("POTW").
 - 3. Any pump station(s) used to convey the discharge from a community sewerage system to the POTW are owned and operated by a municipality.
 - 4. For any discharge of domestic sewage to a POTW to which the Commissioner has, by administrative order, prohibited new connections, the discharge is consistent with the provisions of such orders, if any, allowing connections 'to such POTW.
 - 5. For any discharge with an average daily flow greater than 50,000 gallons per day or five percent of the design flow of the receiving POTW. whichever is less, and for any discharge from a community sewerage system, a registration has been submitted in accordance with the provisions of Part V of this general permit, and include s all information specified therein.
 - 6. For discharges within the coastal boundary as defined in Section 22a-94 of the Connecticut General Statutes. the discharge does not involve construction that has not previously been determined by the Commissioner to be consistent with all applicable goals and policies in Section 22a-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 - 7. All required fees have been paid to the Commissioner.

8. No effluent limitation guideline or standard adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the federal Clean Water Act is applicable to the discharge.

Any discharge of water, substance or material into the waters of the State other than one specified in the foregoing is not authorized by this general permit, and any person who or municipality which initiates, creates, originates or maintains such a discharge must apply for and obtain an individual permit under Section 22a-430 of the General Statutes.

B. Geographic Area

This permit covers all areas of the State of Connecticut.

C. Effective Date and Expiration Date

This permit is effective on June 11, 1992 and expires on June 11, 2002.

D. Effective Date of Coverage

For discharges not required to be registered under Part V of this permit, the effective date of coverage under this general permit for a particular discharge which meets the, eligibility criteria above under this general permit is the same as the effective date of the general permit listed in paragraph C above or' the date the discharge is initiated, whichever is later. For those discharges required to be registered under Part V of this permit, the effective date of coverage is the date a registration which meets the requirements of Part V of this permit is received by the Commissioner.

E. Effect of Disapproval of Registration

Any disapproval of a registration by Notice of Intent to be Covered submitted pursuant to this general permit shall constitute notice to the registrant that an individual permit must be applied for and obtained under Section 22a-430, of the General Statutes prior to the initiation, creation, origination or maintenance of the discharge which was the subject of the disapproval.

F. Issuance of an Individual Permit

Under Section 22a-430b of the General Statutes, when an individual permit is issued to a person or municipality othervise covered by this permit, the applicability of this general permit as it applies to the individual permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit.

PART V. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Duty to Register

Any person who or municipality which initiates, creates, originates or maintains a discharge described in paragraph IV.A of this general permit, with an average daily flow (1) greater than 50,000 gallons per day or five percent of the design flow of the receiving POTW, whichever is less, or (2) of any amount if the discharge is from a community sewerage system shall register for coverage under this general permit by submitting a Notice of Coverage. If the source or activity generating a discharge for which a registration is submitted under this general permit is owned by one person or municipality but is leased or in some other way the legal responsibility of another person or municipality (the operator), the operator is responsible for submitting the registration required by this general permit. The permittee is responsible for compliance with all conditions of this general permit.

B. Scope of Registration

A registrant may only include on a registration those discharges which are operated by such registrant on one site. A registrant may not submit more than one registration per site under this permit.

C. Contents of Registration

The Notice of Coverage shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the Commissioner and shall include but not necessarily be limited to the following information.

- Location address of the discharge(s) for which the registration is submitted.
- 2. Name, address, and telephone number of the person who or municipality which initates, creates, originates or maintains the discharge and of the person or municipality that owns the facility. If any such person(s) is a corporation transacting business in Connecticut, include the exact name as registered with the Connecticut Secretary of the State.
- 3. The name of the category of discharge for which the registration is submitted.
- 4. The average daily flow of domestic sewage anticipated from the site, including a calculation shoving how this value was determined.
- 5. For discharges from community sewerage systems, a community sewerage system agreement, as defined in this general permit, shall be included.

D. Signature of Registrant

Any person who or municipality which submits a registration for this general permit shall sign the registration and shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have read and understand all conditions of the general permit for domestic sewage discharges issued on June 11, 1992, and that all conditions for eligibility for coverage under this general permit are met, and all terms and conditions of this general permit are being met for all discharges which have been initated and that are the subject of this Registration. This document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information. the information contained in this registration is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowingly making false statements."

E. Where to submit a Registration

Persons who or municipalities which submit a registration under this general permit shall submit such registration to the Department of Environmental Protection at the following address:

Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Management 122 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106 Attention: General Permit Coordinator

For any discharge to a POTW, a copy of each registration shall be sent to the POTW which will receive the discharge.

F. Transfer of Coverage

Any coverage under this general permit shall be non-transferrable.

G. Failure to Register

Any person who or municipality which fails to submit a registration as required by this permit, and who initiates, creates, originates or maintains a discharge of domestic sewage to the waters of the State without coverage under this general permit, except those covered by an individual permit issued under Section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes, is in violation of the Connecticut General Statutes, and is subject to injunction and penalties of up to \$25,000 per day per violation under Chapter 446k of the Connecticut General Statutes.

PART VI. TREATMENT AND CONTROL REQUIREMENTS; BMPs; OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Any person or municipality covered by this permit shall ensure that all discharges covered by this permit are in conformance with the sever ordinance of the municipality receiving the discharge, and that all required local permits and approvals have been obtained for the discharges covered by this permit.

PART VII. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. The permittee shall comply with the following Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which are hereby incorporated into this general permit, as if fully set forth herein:

1. Section 22a-430-3:

Subsection (b) General - subparagraph (l)(D) and subdivisions (2). (3), (4) and (5)

Subsection (c) Inspection and Entry.

Subsection (d) Effect of a Permit - subdivisions (1) and (4)

Subsection (e) Duty to Comply

Subsection (f) Proper Operation and Maintenance

Subsection (g) Sludge Disposal.

Subsection (h) Duty to Mitigate.

Subsection (i) Facility Modifications, Notification - subdivisions (1) and (4)

Subsection (j) Monitoring, Records and Reporting Requirements - subdivisions (1), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (11) (except subparagraphs (9)(A)(2) and (9)(C).

Subsection (k) Bypass

Subsection (m) Effluent Limitation Violations

Subsection (n) Enforcement.

Subsection (o) Resource conservation.

Subsection (p) Spill prevention and control.

Subsection (q) Instrumentation, Alarms, Flow Recorders.

Subsection (r) Equalization.

2. Section 22a-430-4

Subsection (t) - Prohibitions

Subsection (p) - Revocation, Denial, Modification

Appendices

- B. The permittee shall comply with the following additional terms and conditions:
 - 1. The general permittee is authorized to discharge (A) pollutants in quantities and concentrations as specified in this general permit: and (B) any substances resulting from the processes or activities covered by this general permit in concentrations and quantities which the Commissioner determines cannot reasonably be expected to cause pollution and will not adversely affect the operation of a POTW. However, the Commissioner may seek an injunction or issue an order to prevent or abate pollution, and may seek criminal penalties against a general permittee who willfully or with criminal negligence causes or threatens pollution.
 - 2. Discharge of any substance which does not result from the processes or activities covered by this general permit shall be considered a violation of this general permit unless it is authorized by an individual permit issued under Section 22a-430 of the General Statutes.
- C. The permittee shall at all times continue to meet the conditions for eligibility set forth in Part IV of this general permit.
- D. Within fifteen days after the date the registrant or permittee becomes aware of a change in any information submitted to the Commissioner under any registration or this general permit, or that any such information was inaccurate or misleading or that any relevant information was omitted, the registrant or permittee shall submit the correct or omitted information in writing to the Commissioner.
- E. Nothing in this general permit shall relieve the registrant of other obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.
- F. Any document, including but not limited to any notice, which is required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this general permit by the permittee shall be signed by the permittee and by the individual or individuals responsible for actually preparing such document, each of whom shall certify in writing as follows: "I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information. the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statement made in this document or its attachments may be punishable as a criminal offense."

G. Any false statement in any information submitted pursuant to this general permit may be punishable as a criminal offense under Section 22a-438 of the General Statutes or, in accordance with Section 22a-6, under Section 53a-157 of the General Statutes.

Issued Date: June 11, 1992 ROBERT E. MOORE

Deputy Commissioner

This is a true and accurate copy of the general permit executed on June 11, 1992 by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.